Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Steve Zellmer is a genuine high school graduate and one of the few non-Norwegian speaking students ever allowed to attend Augustana College; and,

WHEREAS, While in the hot pursuit of an even higher education in Vermillion, Steve Zellmer demonstrated to all future entrepreneurs the essentials of how not to operate a bicycle shop, and he perfected those mismanagement skills to such a high level of mediocrity that he was awarded an M.B.A. by the University of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Being unable to secure respectable employment, Steve began accepting money for passing his time in Legislative Research Council offices, during which time Steve's actions in the areas of tax reform led to the incredible abolishment of the personal property tax with no legitimate funding available to replace lost revenues; and,

WHEREAS, Steve then attempted to distance himself from blame by trying to collect taxes as the Secretary of Revenue; and,

WHEREAS, After only one year, Steve became budget director because, as his bicycle shop days had already proven, he could more easily spend money than collect it, and immediately demonstrated that talent by presiding over the worst budget crisis in the history of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, In the last eight years, Steve has always displayed (except once) the ability to speak diplomatically and courteously to members of the Appropriations Committee; and,

WHEREAS, Steve is now so well known in South Dakota that he must seek refuge in an obscure eastern school until it's safe to return; and,

WHEREAS, Despite all of the above, Steve Zellmer's friends and co-workers admire him for his hard work and his tenacity for both solving problems and doing the "people's business" with great skill, intelligence and competence; and,

WHEREAS, The people of South Dakota have a better state government working for them now because Steve has given so much of himself to his fellow South Dakotans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the night of Thursday, July 14, 1988, as

STEVE ZELLMER "KICK OFF YOUR SHOES AND RAISE HELL" EVENING

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE